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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Method and System for Optimizing
Minigenes and Peptides Encoded Thereby**

Inventors: Sette *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
3. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$1,475.00 to cover:
\$395.00- Request for Continued Examination Fee Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e); and
\$1,080.00- Fee for five months extension of time for a small entity;
4. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114;
5. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
6. Two pages of Form PTO/SB/08A listing documents US1-US15 and FP1-FP21;
7. Eight pages of Form PTO/SB/08B listing documents NPL1-NPL72;
8. Copies of documents FP1-FP21 as listed on Form PTO/SB/08A and NPL1-NPL68 as listed on Form PTO/SB/08B;

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9. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
10. Two pages of Form PTO/SB/08A listing documents AA100-AJ100, AA101-AG101, AL100-AQ100, AH101-AJ101, AA102-AC102 and AM101-AP101;
11. Nine pages of Form PTO/SB/08B listing documents NPL81-NPL166;
12. Copies of documents AL100-AQ100 and AM101-AP101 as listed on Form PTO/SB/08A and NPL81-NPL148 and NPL150-NPL166 as listed on Form PTO/SB/08B; and
13. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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